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SUBJ: QUEEN AND PRIME MINISTER STRESS ECONOMIC SITUATION IN  
NEW YEAR'S ADDRESSES

SUMMARY: IN TRADITIONAL NEW YEAR'S STATEMENTS BOTH THE  
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QUEEN AND THE PRIME MINISTER STRESSED THE NEED FOR

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC SITUATION AT HOME AND IN THE WORLD. BOTH CALLED FOR A STRENGTHENING OF SPIRITUAL AND MORAL VALUES. END SUMMARY.

1. IN HER NEW YEAR'S SPEECH TO THE DANES, QUEEN MARGRETHE WARNED HER PEOPLE AGAINST ACCEPTING PRESENT BAD ECONOMIC SITUATION WITH "MUTE RESIGNATION OR PEEVISH SULKINESS". "THERE IS A WIDESPREAD FEELING", SHE SAID, "THAT THERE IS SOMETHING WRONG WITH OUR OUTLOOK ON LIFE - AND THAT WE MUST TRY TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT, SOMETHING MUCH MORE RADICAL THAN WE ARE USED TO." THE 35-YEAR OLD MONARCH FELT THAT THE YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE A "SURE SENSE OF INTUITION" WHEN THEY POINT TO THE OLDER GENERATION'S CONCERN WITH MATERIAL GOODS. SHE PROFESSED, HOWEVER, THAT SHE COULD NOT HERSELF GIVE AN ABSOLUTE ANSWER OR UNEQUIVOCAL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM.

2. THE QUEEN ALSO POINTED TO THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF THE AFFLUENT WORLD AND THE DIFFICULTIES OF THE UNDERDEVELOPED WORLD. SHE SAID, "IT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER THAT WE ACCEPT OUR COMMITMENTS AS A EUROPEAN NATION WITH FREE TRADITIONS, NOT ONLY IN THE UN, IN NATO, AND IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, BUT ALSO IN NORDIC COOPERATION AND IN RELATIONSHIPS CLOSER TO HOME."

3. PRIME MINISTER JORGENSEN EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN FOR THE CONTINUING HIGH RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT IN DENMARK AND HIS HOPES FOR A RETURN TO A FULL EMPLOYMENT SITUATION. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE DANISH GOVT COULD NOT MANAGE THE PROBLEM ALONE OR RAPIDLY, GIVEN THE POOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SITUATION. BUT IN ORDER TO MAKE THE BEST OF THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, HE CALLED ON DANES TO WORK FOR BETTER CONDITIONS AND ASKED FOR POLITICAL PEACE IN THE COMING YEAR.

4. WITH RESPECT TO INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, THE PRIME MINISTER CALLED FOR INCREASED INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO CREATE A NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER WHICH WOULD REDUCE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN RICH AND POOR COUNTRIES. SPICING HIS ADDRESS WITH REFERENCES TO HIS RECENT VISIT TO VENEZUELA AND MEXICO, HE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REMARKED ON PRIMITIVE CONDITIONS EXISTING IN CARACAS AND MEXICO CITY AND CALLED FOR DENMARK, THE NORDIC COUNTRIES, AND EUROPE TO GIVE THE LATINS A HELPING HAND.

5. JORGENSEN SPOKE OF DANISH SUPPORT FOR DEMOCRACY IN INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES, MENTIONING SPECIFICALLY RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN GREECE AND IN PORTUGAL, WHICH HE CHARACTERIZED AS BEING "ON THE WAY TO DEMOCRACY." WITH RESPECT TO SPAIN,

HE SAID THE MANY YEARS OF FRANCO'S ROLE MADE THE EMERGENCE  
OF DEMOCRATIC FORCES DIFFICULT BUT PLEDGED DANISH ASSISTANCE  
TO THESE FORCES AS THEY APPEARED. FINALLY, THE PRIME  
MINISTER CONDEMNED THOSE WHO EMPLOY TERROR AND VIOLENCE FOR  
THEIR ATTEMPT TO PREVENT PROBLEMS FROM BEING RESOLVED BY  
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